

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1        1-12 (canceled).

2        *Subcl.* 13. (currently amended) An implantable hearing device  
3 comprising:

4              at least one permanent magnet adapted for being solidly  
5              attached positioned on a promontory in the area of  
6              the middle ear; and

7              at least one coil adapted for placing in the area of the  
8              middle ear.

1        14. (previously presented)      The hearing device of claim  
2        13, wherein said coil is adapted for placing in an area of an  
3        ossicle chain.

1        15. (previously presented)      The hearing device of claim  
2        13, wherein said coil is adapted for placing at a tympanic  
3        membrane.

1        16. (previously presented)      The hearing device of claim  
2        13, wherein said coil is adapted for positioning behind a  
3        tympanic membrane.

1        17. (currently amended)      The hearing device of ~~one of~~  
2        claim 13, wherein said permanent magnet is radially polarized.

1        18. (previously presented)      The hearing device of claim  
2        17, wherein said permanent magnet is adapted to be removeably  
3        attached to the promontory.

1        19. (previously presented)      The hearing device of one

2 of claims 13, wherein said permanent magnet is one of a  
3 circular, oval, square, or rectangular design.

1 20. (canceled).

1 21. (previously presented) The hearing device of one  
2 of claims 13-16, wherein said permanent magnet is further  
3 adapted to be removeably attached to the promontory.

1 22. (currently amended) The hearing device of one of  
2 claims 13, wherein said coil is further adapted for placing in  
3 the middle ear one of a circular or an oval design.

1 23. (previously presented) The hearing device of one  
2 of claims 13-14, wherein said coil extends in a plain parallel  
3 to the permanent magnet.

1 24. (previously presented) The hearing device of one  
2 of claims 13-14, wherein said coil extends in a plain  
3 perpendicular to the permanent magnet.

1 25. (previously presented) The hearing device of one  
2 of claims 13-14, wherein said coil extends in a plain that is  
3 between 0° and 180° relative to the magnet.  
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1 26. (currently amended) The hearing device of one of  
2 claims 13-16, wherein said permanent magnet is further adapted  
3 to be positioned on the promontory in an adjustable fashion.

1 27. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim  
2 26, wherein an air-gap between said permanent magnet and said  
3 coil can be adjusted by post-implantation adjustment of said  
4 magnet.

1 28. (currently amended) A method for enhancing auditory

2 capacity by amplifying a natural movement of a vibrating  
3 ossicle tract, said method comprising the steps of:  
4       converting an acoustic signal into an electrical signal;  
5            and  
6       converting said electrical signal into a mechanical  
7       oscillation of a coil adapted for positioning in a  
8       middle ear, wherein said converting said electrical  
9       signal into said mechanical oscillation of said coil  
10      utilizes a permanent magnet adapted for being  
11      positioned solidly attached on a promontory.

1       29. (previously presented) The method of claim 28,  
2       wherein said coil is adapted for placing in an area of an  
3       ossicle chain.

1       30. (previously presented) The hearing device of one of  
2       claims 13-16 for implementing the a method of claim 29  
3       comprising the steps of:

4       converting an acoustic signal into an electrical signal;  
5            and  
6       converting said electrical signal into a mechanical  
7       oscillation of a coil adapted for positioning in a  
8       middle ear.

1       31. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 26  
2       for implementing the a method of claim 29 comprising the steps  
3       of:

4       converting an acoustic signal into an electrical signal;  
5            and  
6       converting said electrical signal into a mechanical  
7       oscillation of a coil adapted for positioning in a  
8       middle ear.

1       32. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 27

2 for implementing the a method of claim 29 comprising the steps  
3 of:

4 converting an acoustic signal into an electrical signal;

5 and

6 converting said electrical signal into a mechanical  
7 oscillation of a coil adapted for positioning in a  
8 middle ear.

1 33. (previously presented) The method of claim 28,  
2 wherein said coil is adapted for placing at the tympanic  
3 membrane.

1 34. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 16  
2 13 for implementing the a method of claim 33 comprising the  
3 steps of:

4 converting an acoustic signal into an electrical signal;

5 and

6 converting said electrical signal into a mechanical  
7 oscillation of a coil adapted for positioning in a  
8 middle ear.

1 35. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 13  
2 for implementing the a method of claim 29 comprising the steps  
3 of:

4 converting an acoustic signal into an electrical signal;

5 and

6 converting said electrical signal into a mechanical  
7 oscillation of a coil adapted for positioning in a  
8 middle ear.

1 36 (new) An implantable hearing device comprising:  
2 at least one permanent magnet adapted for being removably  
3 attached to a promontory in the area of the middle  
4 ear; and

5       at least one coil adapted for placing in the area of the  
6              middle ear for directly transferring sound  
7              vibrations to a component of the middle ear.

8       37 (new) The hearing device of claim 36, wherein said  
9       coil is adapted for placing in an area of an ossicle chain.

1       38. (new) The hearing device of claim 36, wherein said  
2       coil is adapted for placing at or behind a tympanic membrane.

1       39. (new) The hearing device of claim 36, wherein an air-  
2       gap between said permanent magnet and said coil can be  
3       adjusted.

1       40 (new) An implantable hearing aid comprising:  
2              a permanent magnet adapted for being mounted on a  
3              promontory in the area of the middle ear; and  
4              a coil adapted for placing in the middle ear.

1       41 (new) The hearing device of claim 40, wherein said  
2       coil is adapted for placing in an area of an ossicle chain.

1       42. (new) The hearing device of claim 40, wherein said  
2       coil is adapted for placing at or behind a tympanic membrane.

1       43. (new) The hearing device of claim 40, wherein an air-  
2       gap between said permanent magnet and said coil can be  
3       adjusted.

1       44. (new) The hearing device of claim 40, wherein said  
2       permanent magnet is mounted in an adjustable fashion.